



The Crusader



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State Deputy's Message



Robert Hatler
State Deputy



Brother Knights,

As I write this I can't help think 'Where have the past two months of this new Fraternal Year gone?' It was like yesterday that the State Officers, Grand Knights and District Deputies met in June at the DD and Grand Knight Meetings, mapping out plans for a successful year. We all came away from the GK meeting and DD training sessions with a sense of encouragement that the start of this year would be a positive one in membership growth and program participation. WE need to continue with that enthusiasm!

So with all of this in mind what have YOU done, my Brother Knights, to help and assist your council? Now that the summer is over and September is upon us it's time for those councils who have been in sleep mode for the summer to wake up and be counted! We need everyone to be working on all cylinders during these next ten months of the year.

This is a critical time for all of us as we must go out to those non-members and again show them by our word and deed what we as CATHOLICS do for our pastors, parishes, communities and councils. We have so many new and exciting programs in our **"Faith in Action Program"** model that there's no reason a council can't work with their parishes and communities to put these programs into practice. THEY NEED OUR HELP! We are hoping that these new faith based programs will be a reason for men to consider joining our Order.

My Brothers, as the State Deputy, I have been asked what we as knights are doing in light of the difficult times that have come upon us as Catholics. I echo the word of our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori who said **"we must pray for those victims and for those implicated in this scandal which has rocked our Church"**. Our State Chaplain has said **"We can't lose faith, and must realize, appreciate and support all the good priests and Bishops who are suffering because of their sinful brothers."**

At the recent Supreme Convention our Supreme Knight said the following regarding this situation **"Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist priests, bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say,**

'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'."

With this in mind I leave you with this prayer for priests I found recently:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

During the upcoming months there are so many worthwhile programs for you to get involved in at your local council. Please get involved to the extent that you can!

[Bob Hatler, State Deputy](#)

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED DEGREES

[LINK](#)  individual Degree below for details.

DEGREE/DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATION
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CAMDEN:

1 st – Sept 27	Council 9193	Blackwood
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METUCHEN:

1 st & 2 nd Sept 18	Council 7250	Milltown
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NEWARK:

1 st – Sept 6	Council 3428	No Arlington
2 nd – Sept 13	Council 2229	Ridgefield Park
1 st – Sept 19	Council 371	Bayonne
1 st – Sept 23	Council 3550	Ridgefield
1 st – Oct 8	Council 5519	West Orange
1 st – Oct 9	Council 2188	Westwood
2 nd – Oct 10	Council 5519	West Orange
2 nd – Oct 11	Council 3644	Wallington
2 nd – Oct 22	Council 371	Bayonne
1 st – Oct 28	Council 3550	Ridgefield

PATERSON:

2 nd – Sept 17	Council 359	Morristown
1 st & 2 nd – Oct 25	Council 6343	West Milford

TRENTON:

1 st – Sept 17	Council 5903	Englishtown
2 nd – Sept 23	Council 636	Princeton
1 st – Sept 26	Council 6530	Marlton
1 st & 2 nd – Oct 23	Council 1672	Freehold
1 st & 2 nd – Oct 26	Council 6552	Middletown

Degree Notes:

- Candidates and observers should be dressed appropriately, jacket and tie.
- Candidate escorts should have all Degree paraphernalia when arriving at Degree location.

Dear Brother Knights:

Summer is quickly coming to an end and, unfortunately, many councils have taken this summer off as it relates to membership growth. Very few Admission Degrees were scheduled and, as we enter the fall months, we need to change this trend. I remind the Grand Knights that you should be scheduling Admission Degrees and recruiting new members to these scheduled degrees. To assist you in this process, the State Membership Team has scheduled Diocesan level meetings and I encourage all to attend these important informational sessions.

2018 Fall Membership Meetings

These important meetings should be attended by District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Retention Chairmen, Membership Chairmen and any member interested in a leadership role in the Council. We will be covering membership, Online membership, retention, round tables, and ethnic council development.

Camden Diocese Membership Meeting - Rev. Francis Araneo Chapter

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Council 10220

Paterson Diocese Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 15, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Bishop Navagh Council #5943

Metuchen Diocese Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 15, 2018 9 a.m.
Somerville Council #1432

Trenton Diocese Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 7:30 p.m.
Allentown Council #7333

Camden Diocese Membership Meeting - St. John Paul II Chapter

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 6:30 p.m.
Holy Child Council #3532
6:30 PM

Newark Archdiocese Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 29, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Union Council 4504

Please contact your Diocesan Membership Chairman if you have any questions
VIVAT JESUS!

[Russell D. Petrocelli, FDD](#)
State Membership Director

Upcoming Events:

*** PLEASE NOTE – ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE
AT THE STATE COUNCIL OFFICE
ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

Be sure to make a note of the activities that are scheduled for the next several months. Click the specific activity [\[hyperlink\]](#) to obtain more information, details and forms. Log-in required

2018

Sept 1 – Essay and Substance Abuse Order Form Due

Sept 3 – Labor Day – FLY YOUR FLAG

Sept 5 – Membership Training – Camden Diocese - East

Sept 11 – Day of Remembrance – FLY YOUR FLAG

Sept 15 – Free Throw Order Form Due

Sept 15 – Membership Training – Paterson Diocese

Sept 15 – Membership Training – Metuchen Diocese

Sept 18 – Membership Training – Trenton Diocese

Sept 26 – Membership Training – Camden Diocese - West

Sept 21 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept 29 – Membership Training – Newark Archdiocese

Oct 1 – Family Rosary Rally ~ South

Oct 7 – FS Training – Trenton Diocese

Oct 8 – Columbus Day

Oct 13 – FS Training - Newark Archdiocese

Oct 14 – Family Rosary Rally ~ North.

Oct 19 - 21 State Council Retreat

Oct 31 - Halloween

Nov 1 - All Saints' Day

Nov 2 - All Souls Day

Nov 4 - Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 6 - Election Day – FLY YOUR FLAG

Nov 11 - Exemplification of the 4th Degree – 2nd NJ District

Nov 11 – Veteran's Day – FLY YOUR FLAG

Nov 12 – Veterans Day Observed – FLY YOUR FLAG

Nov 18 – Exemplification of the 4th Degree – 1st NJ District

Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Day

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Please forward this
Newsletter to all your council members.



Quarterly Calendar



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State Council Retreat

The State Council sponsors a retreat each year in October at the **San Alfonso Retreat House** in West Long Branch, New Jersey, “**A Center for Christian Renewal**”, Conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers. The motto for the retreat house is “**Where God and Sea Come Together.**” San Alfonso is the official retreat house for the New Jersey State Council. The state retreat is not meant to infringe upon or disrupt any local council’s scheduled retreat; indeed, you are encouraged to have your own retreat. The state retreat is held for those members who cannot attend their own council’s retreat, or who may wish to attend more than one retreat. Retreats for your own council should be arranged early so that reservations can be made without disappointment. Contact the State Chairman for information how your Council can host their own retreat.

The date for this year’s State Knights of Columbus retreat is **October 19 - 20, 2018.**

This is an excellent opportunity to recharge our “spiritual batteries” and reconnect with the Lord thru prayer, reflection or just in the quiet reflection away from the everyday distractions. Some retreatants have said, “*Listening to the wave’s crash onto the shoreline I can hear the Lord speaking to me.*”

Instructions and Details for the retreat are as follows: Councils should appoint a retreat “captain” for your group to coordinate this activity. Each person wishing to attend should fill out a registration form, which is available at www.njkoec.org under “Church Activities” section 6.10.1 page 6-31 and send a **Twenty Five Dollar (\$25.00) NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT for Each Person** with the registration form to the State Chairman. Make checks payable to **San Alfonso Retreat House.**

Arrival Time is **Friday 4:00pm**, Supper is served from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, and Departure Time is Sunday 1:00pm after Lunch. **TOTAL DONATION is \$220.00 per person (less \$50 deposit)** balance of \$170.00 is payable upon arrival to San Alfonso Retreat in **CASH or CHECK.** We will be offering a **SATURDAY ONLY RETREAT (ONE DAY)** at a Cost of \$75.00 which is **NON REFUNDABLE.** Please fill out the “One Day Retreat Form” and Sign and send Check.

[Joseph M. Orosz, FDD State Chairman](#)

Family Rosary Rally

We now conducting Family Rosary Rallies in the Southern & in the Northern parts of New Jersey. Refer to 6.1.1 for the Southern Location & note the two different dates for north and south.

As Knights of Columbus we honor our Blessed Virgin Mary, our dear Mother of God by praying the Rosary for the intentions of making reparation for the blasphemy

The Rosary is an old prayer that is always new, leading us to Jesus through Mary. The Blessed Mother urged everyone to pray the Rosary during her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. She called herself the “Lady of the Rosary,” and promised that the Rosary would help people grow in their faith, convert sinners, and bring about world peace. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th when all are invited to meditate upon the mysteries of Christ by following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in recalling the incarnation, passion, and glorious resurrection of the Son of God. The Rosary is a prayer with a long tradition, yet it is still a prayer for us today. It is simple and powerful, and is credited with granting tremendous favors and blessings.

The Joyful Mysteries	The Luminous Mysteries
The Sorrowful Mysteries	The Glorious Mysteries

Are your Council Members routinely saying the Rosary at your meetings? Are you routinely saying the Rosary with your family?

For those attending from afar, consider the following: Pack a lunch; Car or Van Pool, Council Cluster and Rent a Bus; bring your Council’s Banner and Flag. Our strength is in our Unity. The Rosary will nourish family life. “Help Keep a Promise to Say the Rosary.”

ROSARY RALLY SOUTH – OCTOBER 1 – 3 pm
Contact [Peter Cassiano, FDD](#)

ROSARY RALLY NORTH – OCTOBER 15 – 3 pm
Contact [Peter Kueken, Jr, FDD](#)



PROGRAM CORNER

Hello Brothers.

Fall is upon us, schools are opening, College and Pro football are starting. Now it's time to get to work, although hopefully most of you have been working all summer. Tempus Fugit!! "Don't blink" as our State Deputy says.

Coming up in the next month or two are a variety of Programs in **Council** Activities. Please consider getting involved in some—if not all—of these. The phrase "You must be in it to win it" applies to the Family and Knight of the Month programs so please send your forms to the Chairman, John Rokicki, at JGROKICKI@AOL.COM. Additionally, please have your new Knights at all degrees fill out the forms for the McGivney Guild (also in Council Activities). These are available from Supreme. If you **have** polite drivers, consider the License Plates Program, as well.

For **Church** activities, please note that the Family Rosary is coming up in October. In the South it will be October 1st and in the North it will be October 21st. The SILVER ROSE program will be starting on September 9 and will run for five weeks until October 10. Please contact [Mike Choma](#) to find the dates the Rose will visit your area. Get charged up in your Faith by joining our State Officers at the NJ State Retreat on October 19-21 at the St. Alonso Retreat House.

Our **Community** activities address those less fortunate. Participation must be given careful consideration as the weather gets chilly to these worthwhile and very important charities. We must start ordering our Coats for Kids and planning the collections for Food for the Hungry and Eyes for the Needy.

With the World Cup just ending and all the excitement it brought to millions of people, it would be an excellent idea to join the SOCCER challenge which Councils run in September. This is an important part of our **Youth** activities. With school starting within the next few weeks, it is time to order the Child ID Kits. Although the theme from Supreme has not been revealed, The Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is in its 2nd year and is Chaired by my son, Harold. He can be reached at hyroku19@gmail.com.

Please contact me if you need more information on the new FAITH IN ACTION Programs. You should have already received your Fraternal Leadership Planner from Supreme and this will certainly be a help in your planning of programs. Working together, we can do our best to develop a calendar of programs by using the tools supplied by the State and Supreme.

Making sure your Council is "**ANCHORED IN CHARITY AND FRATERNITY**" can be achieved by doing your programs and teaching those Knights ready for advancement.

"Tell me and I Forget. Teach me and I Remember. Involve me and I Learn." These truly are wise words from Ben Franklin. Remember we are all only a phone call or email away.

[Harold Delaney, FDD](#), NJ State General Program Director

CULTURE OF LIFE

My Brother Knights,

With Pro-Life Month only 30 days away your council should be getting ready for a big push for Culture of Life in October. Effective programs take planning, so your council needs to start now! You need to be visible in your parish and community, getting the message out for Life. So, what should you do this month?

- Hold a Rose Sale! This not only raises money for your pro-life programs but makes your fellow Catholics Ambassadors for Life by wearing them.
- Start getting pledges for a Spiritual Adoption program starting in October. Information on how to run one is available at this [LINK](#).
- Hold a Baby Bottle Drive to raise money for donations you can make in October.
- Promote Turn Off the TV Day in your parish. You're going to need a run-up for this to let people know about it and get it on board. Plan a family fun night at your parish for October 21 to give them an alternative to the screen! Resources for that program are at this [LINK](#).
- Conduct a "Diaper Drop" to support pregnancy care centers in your area and help them to do their jobs!

With the new *Faith in Action* initiative by Supreme, in order to get the Columbian Award or Star Council, you must hold a Novena for Life. This program is described in the Life section of the Faith in Action book that you council received from Supreme. They also have more info at this [LINK](#). Get started now. Don't miss out on an award because you did not do this program!

Remember, September is for planning, and October is for execution. This is especially important if your council "took the summer off."

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#)

Culture of Life Programs Director

SPECIAL PROGRAMS CORNER

Brother Knights,

Did you know that it is illegal to display Christian symbols in 53 countries? The Vatican estimates that over 100,000 Christians are murdered for their Faith annually. Some 200 million are denied basic human rights for no other reason than being Christian. Eighty percent of all acts of religious bigotry in the world are directed towards Christians who make up only 33% of the world's population.

What can we do about this? First and foremost, **prayers are needed**. Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, has written a beautiful [Prayer for Persecuted Christians <LINK>](#). Secondly, **monetary donations are critically needed**. As a way to show support for Persecuted Christians, the NJ State Council requests your support NOW by raising funds and spreading the word to donate to <https://give.classy.org/DivineMercyPilgrimageDC2018>. All funds raised will benefit the Order's Christian Refugee Relief Program and the Order will match donations, dollar for dollar, up to one million dollars in the Program. The money will assist in giving food, housing, education, medical supplies, health care, and rebuilding efforts in support of Persecuted Christians. Combine your council's donations to this event with your prayer services in support of Persecuted Christians to receive credit in the Life category as a Christian Refugee Relief program. **Won't YOU and YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS HELP WITH A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION NOW? Please give today using the link below:** <https://give.classy.org/DivineMercyPilgrimageDC2018>. With YOUR help, this campaign will be a great success! We're depending on YOU to spread the word!

If you have any questions, contact the State Chairman of Support For Persecuted Christians, [Peter Walentowicz, DD 41](#) (973-432-8841). Thank you in advance for your support [<SEE LINK>](#) and for all that you do for the Order.

Vivat Jesus!

[Marty Boyle, FDD](#).

Director of Special Programs

SQUIRES HAPPENINGS

Hello my friends,

The summer is over and we are back to business. In September a lot of our circles will be having Exemplifications of New Members. We are preparing for our Annual Fall Statewide Retreat for Squires & Squire Roses to be held in October, information will be forthcoming to the Circles. The *Retreat* is open to Counselors, Fathers of Squires, Mothers of Roses or Guardians. We will have several discussions around faith, family, and service. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the *Retreat*. There are additional plans for service projects around the state this year and will be announced shortly. Applications for the retreat can be acquired from the State Squires Director.

Email: NJSquires@gmail.com

Youth are the keys to our future; our Squires/Squire Roses statewide are busy working food banks, attending retreats, and many miscellaneous projects assisting our council, our parishes, and our community.

If you would like to start a circle or get more information on Squires or Squire Roses you can contact anyone on the list below.

Contact:

- **Peter Briody, PGK**
Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Director – NJSquires@gmail.com
- **Tom Rohe, DGK**
Columbian Squire/Squire Rose Regional Chairman North - trohe4@optonline.net
- **William McCartney, FDD**
Columbian Squire/Squire Rose Regional Chairman South- MccartneyJr@lcloud.com
- **Nick Cutrone, PGK**
Columbian Squire/Squire Rose State Committee - cutronekofc@gmail.com

Peter D Briody, PGK

Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director

INSURANCE MATTERS

Who's my agent????

There have been some major changes to the structure of the Insurance department here in New Jersey. Due to Rich Fuentes going out on disability with Lou Gehrig's disease, and another General Agent leaving the company to pursue other opportunities, Supreme decided to redraw the lines of the agency territories.

A little over 20,000 members across the state now have a new General Agent. Most of them will be keeping the same field agent, (with the FA reporting to a new manager).

Here is a recap of what changed;

- Camden County is now part of the Marsico Agency.
- All of Monmouth County is now in the McGeehan agency, (the affected councils were mostly in the northern part of the county)
- All of Mercer County is now in the McGeehan Agency, (only a few councils were changed).
- All of Middlesex County is now in the McGeehan Agency, (this is a change for every council in the county).
- All of Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union and Essex counties are now part of the Maniscalco agency, (previously Ben only covered three councils in Essex).
- Bergen County north of US Highway 46 is now in the Miraglia agency, (previously Charlie only had Oakland and Ramsey in Bergen County).

If you live in the rest of the Camden Diocese, the rest of the Trenton Diocese, or in Southern Bergen county or Hudson County, there is no change to who your servicing General Agent is.

Please consult the state directory or the state website for information about your council Field Agent. Here is the contact information for each of the General Agents in the state.

Pete Marsico 609-927-5848

peter.marsico@kofc.org

(Covering the Diocese of Camden and Delaware)

Ben Maniscalco 973-226-2599

benjamin.maniscalco@kofc.org

(Covering 3 counties in the Diocese of Metuchen and three counties in the Archdiocese of Newark and Bergen County south of US Hwy 46)

Bob McGeehan 732-569-6045

robert.mcgeeahan@kofc.org

(Covering the Diocese of Trenton and Middlesex County in the Diocese of Metuchen)

Charlie Miraglia 888-632-2257

charles.miraglia@kofc.org

(Covering the diocese of Paterson and Bergen County north of US Hwy 46)

Fraternally,,

[Charles Miraglia](#), General Agent

PATRIOTIC COLORS

Dear Brother Sir Knights:

When this monthly newsletter is published, I will have completed my four year term as Master of the 1st NJ District. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Sir Knights of the 1st NJ District who supported me and were instrumental in advancing the patriotic principles of the 4th Degree. In our Order, we depend on others to be successful and I would like to thank my District Secretary Don Ullisse, District Marshal John LeClercq, and all of the members of my staff and the Degree Team for their support. I was fortunate to work with Reggie Beckett and Andy Lipenta, in their role as Vice Supreme Master; the former Masters of the 1st NJ District that I had the privilege to serve – Fred Conforti, Joe Olivo, and Peter Bartkowiak; my colleagues in the 2nd NJ District, Chet Kulak and Chris Tomasello; and State Deputies Andy Lipenta, Bruce DeMolli, and Bob Hatler. The 1st NJ District will be in good hands with our newly appointed Master Paul Pinkman and his staff headed up by District Secretary John LeClercq and District Marshal James DeLuccia. I offer them my congratulations and support in the years to come.

The Exemplification of the 4th Degree/Military Ball in the 1st NJ District will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The honoree of this degree is State Father Prior Rev. Ernest Rush. Please contact 3rd Degree members in your council and offer them the opportunity to advance to the Patriotic Degree of our Order. If there was ever a time when our country and church needed the Knights of Columbus...this is that time!

VIVAT JESUS!

[Russell D. Petrocelli](#)

Master - First New Jersey District

{Editor;s Note - The Staff at the Crusader would like to congratulate Former Master Russell Petrocelli on his 4 years as Master of the 1st NJ District. During that time, Russ and his team can be proud that they welcomed 800 new Sir Knights to the 4th Degree.

We also welcome New Master Paul Pinkman as he begins his term of Office

WEBMASTERS MONITOR

Making Life Easier

On any given day of the Fraternal Year, there will be anywhere from 60-100+ Degrees posted on the state website – www.njkofo.org

In addition, Degrees and other events are posted on the state “Calen-dar & Events” link.

Degrees now use “AutoMapping” and we are making the Reporting Forms shorter by eliminating quite a few fields that are now redundant or otherwise unnecessary.

EVERY Degree in the state should be reported through the website. It is just not fair for Councils to hold “closed Degrees” when there might be a candidate in the next town.

The Admission Degree should be posted by the GK, FS and/or the DD. The Formation (& Knighthood Degree) can only be posted by the District Deputy.

The Admission & Formation are automatically forwarded to the assigned Aide to the State Deputy. He will con-firm the info and it will “Auto-Post”.

One critical point to make auto-mapping work: There will be only one field for “location”. Be as specific as possible, BUT follow the following protocol: i.e. St. Mary’s Church, Fr. McGivney Hall, basement entrance, park in rear of the church, 123 St. Bernard Street, Bernardsville, NJ 12345. That last part must be in that order.

It is no longer necessary to add verbiage about what candidates should bring or wear. We have that information spelled out above the Degree listings.

Knighthood Degrees are sent directly to Jim Sweeney. The Degree will NOT appear on the website until the \$50 Knighthood Degree Fee is received.

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernard Ernst](#)

Webmaster

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

Brothers,

The Supreme Convention was recently held in Baltimore and it was one of the best ones I have attended. I wholeheartedly recommend attending one in the future if you haven’t done so yet, you will not be disappointed. The fraternity at this event is unbelievable. I know I have met Brother Knights from other State Councils, guys I stay in touch with all year, and will see again next year in Minneapolis.

This month, the kids go back to school, Councils will be getting back into the swing of things and the “honey do” lists grow as we begin to put away the summer gear and prepare for the upcoming season. Think about helping your neighbor with their household chores and if anyone in your area was flooded out recently, consider how they would like to have some help with their dilemma, it’s what we do as Knights.

When looking over the calendar and Degree sections of this newsletter, you will notice some items in [blue](#), they are links to the calendar on the state website and will show you when and where the event is being held. Degrees posted to the website can be found in this newsletter on page 2, use these lists to advance a Brother Knight through the 3rd and follow that up with them taking their 4th Degree this November.

Speaking of the 4th Degree, much has been made of the change in the attire of the 4th Degree. We all have our opinion of it, some like it, some do not. Regardless of that, the change is a done deal. We cannot go back and complaining about it will do no one any good, especially complaining about it on social media. Do you really think that does any good? Yeah, you may feel as though you got something off your chest, but think about it from a “prospects” point of view. You are thinking about joining an organization and you are scrolling through Facebook or Twitter and you see people denigrating that organization, and some are going way over the top. Do you seriously want to join a group that seems to be in disarray? Do you really want to join a “fraternity” that appears to not act as one? I don’t think so. Remember, we are a Family, Fraternal, Service organization and as such, we should show that we are “United in Charity and Fraternity”

Vivat Jesus,

[John A Gazis, FDD](#), Editor

MILESTONES



<u>Council</u>	<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
<u>11213</u>	<u>St Maria de la Asuncion</u>	<u>Elizabeth</u>	<u>9/1/1993</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>5611</u>	<u>Msgr Thomas U Reilly</u>	<u>Spring Lake Hts</u>	<u>9/8/1964</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>3495</u>	<u>Bishop McLaughlin</u>	<u>Morris Plains</u>	<u>9/9/1952</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>2396</u>	<u>Lyndhurst</u>	<u>Lyndhurst</u>	<u>9/10/1922</u>	<u>96</u>
<u>3560</u>	<u>Madonna Maria</u>	<u>Sea Isle City</u>	<u>9/11/1952</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>257</u>	<u>New Brunswick</u>	<u>New Brunswick</u>	<u>9/12/1897</u>	<u>121</u>
<u>2188</u>	<u>St Thomas More</u>	<u>Westwood</u>	<u>9/12/1920</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>5324</u>	<u>Cardinal Newman</u>	<u>Matawan</u>	<u>9/12/1962</u>	<u>56</u>
<u>3352</u>	<u>Mater Christi</u>	<u>Williamstown</u>	<u>9/21/1950</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>6306</u>	<u>St Paul the Apostle</u>	<u>Highland Park</u>	<u>9/21/1971</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>7647</u>	<u>St Therese of Lisieux</u>	<u>Cresskill</u>	<u>9/22/1980</u>	<u>38</u>
<u>816</u>	<u>Mary, Queen of the Knights</u>	<u>Neptune City</u>	<u>9/30/1903</u>	<u>115</u>
<u>3451</u>	<u>St Vincent de Paul</u>	<u>Mays Landing</u>	<u>9/30/1951</u>	<u>67</u>

State Deputy Robert Hatler along with the entire NJ State Council and the Newsletter Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish **ALL** councils best wishes on their **Charter Anniversary**.

May your council continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to grow our Order, expand our programs and continue to be "**Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity!**"

Happy Anniversary

[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries in certain months, we may have to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their **25th**, **50th**, **75th** and **100th** Anniversary in some months. When there is adequate space for more, as there was this month, we will include all Councils]

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